Transportation is a high priority in Springfield and Greene County. The City of Springfield’s Capital Improvements Program funds high-priority transportation needs through a 1/4-cent sales tax with a three-year sunset provision that holds the City accountable for fulfilling its pledges before seeking renewed taxpayer support. More than $400 million in capital improvements projects have been completed in the past six years; the tax was renewed in February 2004 to raise another $26 million to widen streets, improve intersections, add school sidewalks and traffic signals, and for other projects such as neighborhood improvements. The City of Springfield also partners with the Missouri Department of Transportation using a 1/8-cent sales tax to make improvements such as dual left-turn lanes on state roads within the City.

That renewable sales tax, first approved in 1996, allows the City to move forward on projects much more quickly than would be possible waiting for state funding to become available.

To aid in the alleviation of congestion on Springfield’s roadways and to provide the community with increased public access, City Utilities operates a fixed route and paratransit bus system. The city’s bus system continues to grow and expand its services, with an increase of 30,000 more passengers in 2003. The utilization of the public transit system is integral in helping alleviate congestion.

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**Number of Buses in fleet**

- 26 fixed route buses
- 5 paratransit buses *(used to transport disabled passengers)*

All buses are wheelchair accessible.

*Source: City Utilities*
TOP 15 SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS WITH HIGH INCIDENTS OF RIGHT-ANGLE CRASHES IN 2003

Cedarbrook Ave at Chestnut Expy 22
Campbell Ave at JRF WB Ramp 18
Battlefield Rd at Ingram Mill Rd 17
Chestnut Expy at Patterson Ave 17
Grand St at Kimbrough Ave 16
National Ave at Sunset St 15
Battlefield Rd at KMart/Mall Entrance 14
Battlefield Rd at Delaware Ave 14
Campbell Ave at Walnut Lawn St 14
Kansas Expy at I-44 WB Ramp 14
Kansas Expy at Mount Vernon St 13
Kansas Expy at Republic St 13
Cherry St at National Ave 12
Atlantic St & Kansas Expy 11
Benton Ave & Central St 11

Note: Right-angle crashes are frequently a result of red-light running. There were 167 injuries as a result of the 221 right-angle crashes reported at these 15 locations.

Source: City of Springfield

The Springfield-Branson Regional Airport (SGF) continues to thrive, but has experienced a slight decrease in total passengers since 2000. This decrease is in line with the national trends. Still, SGF has added Delta Connection services to Cincinnati and an additional Northwest Airlink service to Minneapolis in 2004. The airlines operating at SGF provide Springfield and the surrounding region with easy connections to major hubs in the U.S. and around the world. The terminal building is operating its 10 gates at full capacity, and there are plans to develop a new Midfield Terminal to address the current challenges and ensure growth beyond a 50-year planning period. The ability for SGF to provide our community with quality passenger and cargo services is key to the growth and stability of Springfield’s economy.

TOTAL PASSENGERS FOR SGF

Source: Springfield-Branson Regional Airport

FIVE-YEAR CRASH HISTORY

Source: City of Springfield